

U. S. Patent Application No.: 09/788,179
Remarks to Accompany Filing of an RCE Dated December 9, 2005
Reply to Advisory Action Before the Filing of An Appeal Brief of November 21, 2005

Remarks

In a telephone interview dated December 8, 2005, Examiner Le stated that new claims 58-71 would be entered on the filing of a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE"). Applicants contemporaneously herewith file an RCE to allow entry of new claims 58-71.

Claims 21-57 remain in the application. Claims 48-57 are allowed. Claims 21-47 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 based on U. S. Patent No. 6,705,531 to Norton et al. ("Norton") in combination with another reference. However, applicants have demonstrated that Norton does not qualify as a reference since it has a filing date after a filing date of the present application. Accordingly, the Examiner has agreed to remove the standing rejections of claims 21-47 under 35 U.S.C. §103. The Examiner has also agreed to enter and examine new claims 58-741 on the filing of an RCE. As indicated, applicants contemporaneously herewith file an RCE.

Accordingly, in view of the above remarks, applicants believe all of the claims of the present application to be in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration and passage to allowance of the application.

If the Examiner believes that contact with applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, the Examiner is herein requested to call applicants' representative at the phone number listed below.

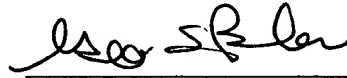
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